

# System Upgrades, Modifications, Cats and Dogs





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**Or....**

**How to put radial tires on a  
buckboard wagon**



# The Need for Upgrades/Mods



- **Average Age of AFRC aircraft is over 22 years**
  - A-10 = 18 years
  - B-52 = 37 years
  - C-5 = 27 years
  - C-130 = 19 years
  - KC-135 = 38 years
  - C-141 = 32 years
  - F-16 = 11 years
  - H-60 = 8 years
- **Upgrades are a way of life, given the realities of the Defense budget and the threat**



# Mods/Upgrades Outline



- **Acquisition Reform**
  - Lightning Bolts '99
- **Systems engineering and integration**
  - No such thing as COTS if it has to plug in
- **Test**
  - What does the contract say?
- **Program Reviews - Insight vs oversight**
  - Metrics and Technical Performance Measurements



**Value Engineering**



**CANDI**



**Earned Value**



**DAWIA**



**Single Process  
Initiative**

# **ACQUISITION REFORM**



**CAIV**



**Open Systems**



**Commercial Specs**



**IPPD**



**IPT's**

**The “KISS” principle**

# **ACQUISITION REFORM (SEVEN MAJOR FOCUS AREAS)**

- Supporting the War Fighter
- Improving Acquisition Business Process
- Reducing Weapon System Life Cycle Costs
- Incentivizing Program Stability
- Implementing Statutory and Regulatory Reforms
- Conducting Pilot Demonstrations
- Managing the Acquisition Workforce



# What it is and is not

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## ACQUISITION REFORM

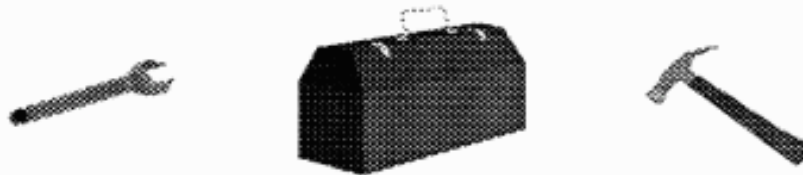
### What it is:

A new philosophy of System Acquisition; based on common sense, empowering smart, well trained people to do their best to support our warfighters.

### What it is not:

It is not designed to “Give away the farm” to contractors.

It is a toolbox, not a cookbook.



***Smart, well trained, empowered people are the key!!!!***

## OLD

- Adversarial Gov/KTR Relationship
- Cost Reimbursable KTR  
(Competition drives performance)
- Specs/Standards
- Inspect quality in
- Protests galore
- Lowest price
- DoD 5000

- IPT's
- Award-Fee
- Commercial Specs
- Quality Process
- Amended Protests
- Best Value
- Past Perf
- Deskbook
- Performance -  
based contracting

**NOW!!**

How is this affecting you?

**THEN**

**FUTURE**

Transitions are tough!



# ACQUISITION REFORM - TOOLS

OLD TOOL	NEW TOOL	EFFECT
"Oversight"	"Insight"	Government insight and reporting not oversight and micro management
DoD 5000	Deskbook	Cookbook (old DoD 5000) gone, tools (discretionary) found in Deskbook
	ACTD's	Allow promising technology to mature in an operational environment
Detailed Requirements	Performance Based Contracting	Motivate contractor to perform to Mgt. expectations laid out by Gov't
Specs/Standards	Commercial Specs	Industry Self-regulation
Quality Inspection	Quality Process (ISO 9000)	Process yields better quality
Program Reviews	IPT's	Integrates Gov't/Contractor into a seamless team, all working towards same goal

# ACQUISITION REFORM - TOOLS

## OLD TOOL

## NEW TOOL

## EFFECT

Hiring	DAWIA	Train and educate the entire acquisition workforce
Different Service Standards	Single Process Initiative	Allows wholesale change to new philosophy across many contracts
Closed Architecture	Open Systems	Design systems for growth opportunities
Cost dependent on function of requirements	CAIV	Scope total price for an acquisition upfront and early
CA NDI (Exception)	CA NDI	Commercial and Non Developmental Item Acquisitions
C/S	Earned Value	Contractor and Government insight
ECPs	Value Engineering	Lets contractor share in "profit" for well engineered system
	OTHERS??	



# Acquisition Reform Benefits



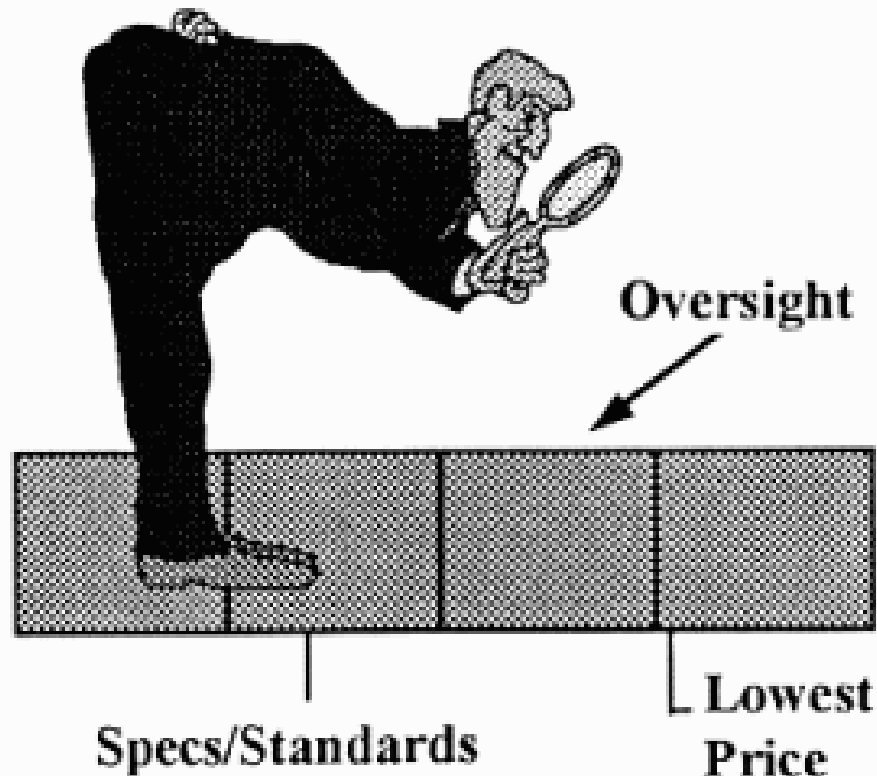
## ACQUISITION REFORM BENEFITS

- ★ Smaller, more flexible teams \*
- ★ Faster decision making
- ★ Better understanding between PO/KTR/HQ/User
- ★ Shorter Acquisition Times
- ★ Cost Savings/Avoidance
- ★ Better performing systems

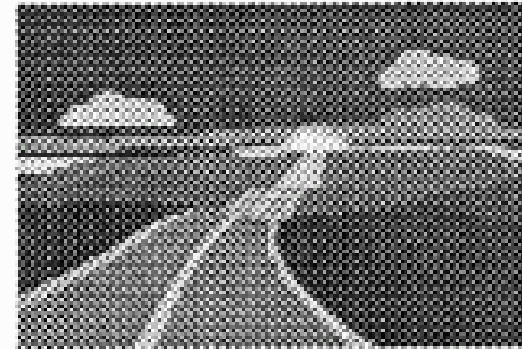
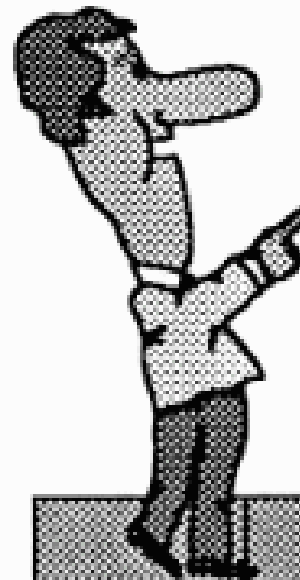
***\* All that has been accomplished to  
date.***

# What Acquisition Reform Means To You

**“Old”**



**“New”**



- Limited Protest
- Performance Based
- Past Performance
- Best Value

# ***Lightning Bolts '99***



# Outline



- **Background**
- **Acquisition Support Teams (ASTs)**
- **Superior Source Selections**
- **Market Analysis and Pricing Centers of Expertise**
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)**
- **Contracting Support to the Aerospace Expeditionary Forces**
- **Improved Payment Processes**
- **Product Support Partnerships**
- **Conclusion**



# Air Force Acquisition Reform Lightning Strikes Again



## • Lightning Bolts '99

- Mrs.. Darleen A. Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Acquisition and Management), announced seven new Lightning Bolts on 23 April '99
- Designed to achieve greater efficiencies and costs savings in acquisition and sustainment of weapon systems
- Building on the tradition of the original Lightning Bolts which have achieved \$30B of cost savings and avoidance
- The critical element: involvement of our workforce and industry partners to continue and re-energize our reform activities for the ultimate benefit of the warfighter



# LB 99-1: Acquisition Support Teams



- **Mission**

- Expand role of Request for Proposal (RFP) support offices to encompass full range of pre-award activities
  - Risk assessment and management
  - Acquisition strategy development
  - Performance-based solicitation development
  - Source selection

- **Implementation**

- Rename all AFMC support offices to "Acquisition Support Teams"
- Provide expert advice on acquisition reform and business practices
- Implement LB 99-2, Superior Source Selections





# LB 99-1: Acquisition Support Teams



- **Schedule**

- Initial operational capability by Oct 99

- **Benefits**

- Provide one-stop-shopping for acquisition reform initiatives
- Develop consistency across AFMC for pre-award activities



# LB 99-2: Superior Source Selections



- **Mission**

- Improve the consistency, quality, documentation, and debriefings on all Air Force source selections
- Identify expert advisors at each AFMC center and at each operational MAJCOM HQ/LGC
  - Actively participate in or be available to provide assistance on all Air Force source selections

- **Implementation**

- Develop training materials on innovative approaches
  - Share and adopt best practices, lessons learned, and acquisition reform initiatives
- In AFMC, advisors mandatory for source selections above \$100M
- For Operational MAJCOMs, advisors mandatory for source selections above \$10M



# LB 99-2: Superior Source Selections



- **Schedule**

- AFMC and Operational MAJCOMs implement not later than 1 September 1999

- **Benefits**

- Provide consistent implementation of “best value” source selections
- Assist MAJCOMs in proposal development and evaluation
- Provide real-time support prior to contract award
- Develop consistent communication with industry
- Provide clear, thorough, consistent documentation of the evaluation and decision



# LB 99-3: Market Analysis and Pricing Centers of Expertise



- **Mission**

- Expand the use of commercial item solutions and the adoption of commercial practices
- Support price-based acquisition strategies
- Integrate the technical, contracting and program management functions in the conduct of market research

- **Implementation**

- Each Center to create a centralized Center of Expertise (COE) to exploit their existing areas of expertise
  - Responsible for gathering, organizing, analyzing, and maintaining information on market products, practices, technologies
- Information aligned with the product line structure
- COE a multi-functional team integrating activities with ASTs
- Aid in acquisition process



# LB 99-3: Market Analysis and Pricing Centers of Expertise



- **Schedule**

- AFMC Center plan of action by 1 Jun 99
  - May include organizational changes
- Each Center fully operational by 1 Oct 1999

- **Benefits**

- Establish critical mass for expertise and resources
- Reduced cost, improved quality, shorter cycle times, and ultimately, better weapon systems





# LB 99-4: Alternative Dispute Resolution

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- **Mission**

- Ensure that ADR, rather than litigation, is the first choice whenever negotiation of a contract issue reaches an impasse
- Resolve controversial contract issues at the lowest level and as early as possible using the least expensive means
- Enhance the long-term partnering of the AF and industry teams by seeking creative, efficient and sensible outcomes to contractual disagreements

- **Implementation**

- Ensure that all ACAT I and ACAT II programs have operative ADR agreements by 1 Oct 1999



# LB 99-4: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)



- **Benefits**

- Preserves essential long-term business relationships
- Minimizes costly and time-consuming litigation

- **Status**

- ADR implementation agreements for all ACAT I and II programs 98% complete
- 5 year plan to train lawyers and then contracting/acquisition personnel ongoing

See [www.safaq.hq.af.mil/contracting](http://www.safaq.hq.af.mil/contracting) for  
status



# LB 99-5: Contracting Support to the Aerospace



## Expeditionary Forces

- **Mission**

- Restructure operational contracting squadrons
  - Eliminate the commodities flight
  - Establish acquisition flights and teams
- Provide for a dedicated contingency contracting cell responsible for oversight, management, training, and readiness of Contingency Contracting Officers (CCOs)

- **Implementation**

- CCOs will be assigned to a specific AEF
- Tailor training and activities based upon deployment location customs, procedures, and local contracting office policies





# **LB 99-5: Contracting Support to the Aerospace Expeditionary Forces**



- **All Operational Contracting Squadrons re-organized by 30 Sep 99**
  - Parallels the AEF concept (they know when they will go)
- **Benefits**
  - Ensure well-trained contracting workforce for AEFs
  - Improve ability to execute field contracting
- **Status**
  - Operational



# LB 99-6: Improved Payment Processes



- **Mission**

- Provide selected program offices the opportunity to test innovative solutions including
  - Streamlining the structure of accounting data
  - Expanding the use of purchase cards
  - Improving the payment prevalidation process
  - Applying consistent payment instructions

- **Implementation**

- AFMC will conduct test programs involving the B-1, B-2, GPS, AMRAAM, DMSP, JASSM, JDAM, MILSATCOM, and F-16 program offices and two major service contracts



# LB 99-6: Improved Payment

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- **Schedule** **Processes**

- Test programs will start to test initiatives in mid-May 99
- Interim results to SAF/AQ, SAF/FM and DFAS by 1 Nov 99

- **Benefits**

- Faster, more efficient and less complex payment processes
- Streamlined accounting structures with improved payment accuracy
- Expanded use of purchase cards including use on major systems
- Reduced workload for both program offices and DFAS

- **Things are no better today**

- May have gotten worse



# LB 99-7: Product Support Partnerships



- **Mission**

- Reengineered weapon system product support concepts
- Pursue public-private partnering to take advantage of the best government or commercial repair sources

- **Implementation**

- Publish a Product Support Transition Guidebook for use by Program Managers
- Implement Product Support strategies in pilot programs
- Ten pilot programs to test the concept of increasing Program Manager oversight of life cycle support
  - F-16, SBIRS, B-1, C-5, F-117, KC-135, AWACS, JSTARS, C-17, Cheyenne Mountain Complex



# LB 99-7: Product Support Partnerships



- **Schedule**

- Publish Product Support Transition Guidebook by 15 Jul 99
- Disseminate materials to train field level AST teams by 15 Jul 99
- Product Support implementation plans drafted by 1 Jun 99
  - Approved by 30 Nov 99

- **Benefits**

- More competitive depot workforce
- More cost-effective product support for operational MAJCOMs





# Conclusion



- **The 1999 Lightning Bolts are an Air Force-wide initiative**
  - Sponsored by SAF/AQ
  - Involving the AF Secretariat, Air Staff, and operational MAJCOMs
- **Another step in cycle of continuous business improvement**
  - Previous initiatives have led to major process improvements
  - The 1999 Lightning Bolts should continue this trend

***RIGHT!!!!!!***



# Systems Management Techniques

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## SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND CONTROL .....IN REVIEW



MATCH THE ISSUE  
WITH THE APPROACH

### MGMT APPROACH/TOOL

### DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

ARE WE DOING THIS RIGHT?  
DOES PROJECT STRUCTURE CONTROL RISK?  
HOW DO WE MAKE DESIGN CHOICES?  
WILL OUR CHOICES MEET PERFORMANCE NEEDS?  
SHALL WE DEVELOP OUR CHOSEN APPROACH?  
WHAT CAPTURES DESIGN PROGRESS?

TRADE STUDIES  
TECHNICAL REVIEWS

CONFIG MGMT

RISK MGMT

TPM

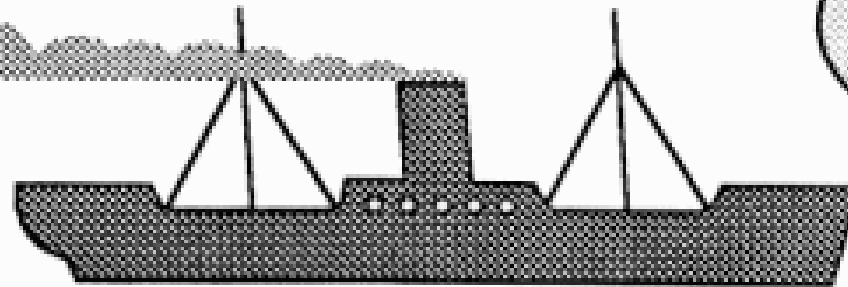
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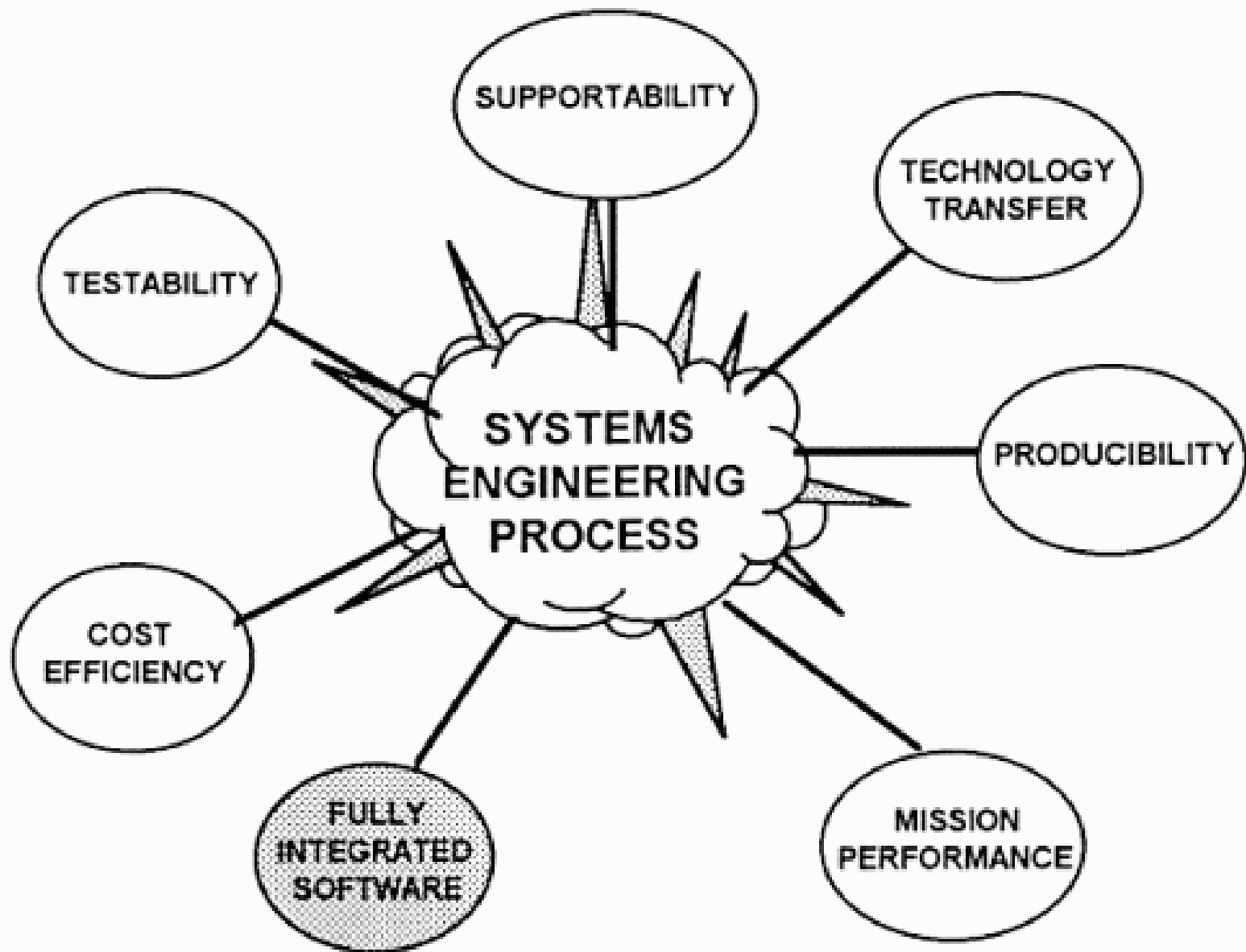
WHAT RISKS REMAIN?

CRITICAL DESIGN  
REVIEW IS IN 2 WEEKS

HOW MANY SOFTWARE  
TROUBLE REPORTS ARE  
THERE PER MONTH?



# MAJOR GOALS OF THE SE PROCESS





# Planning

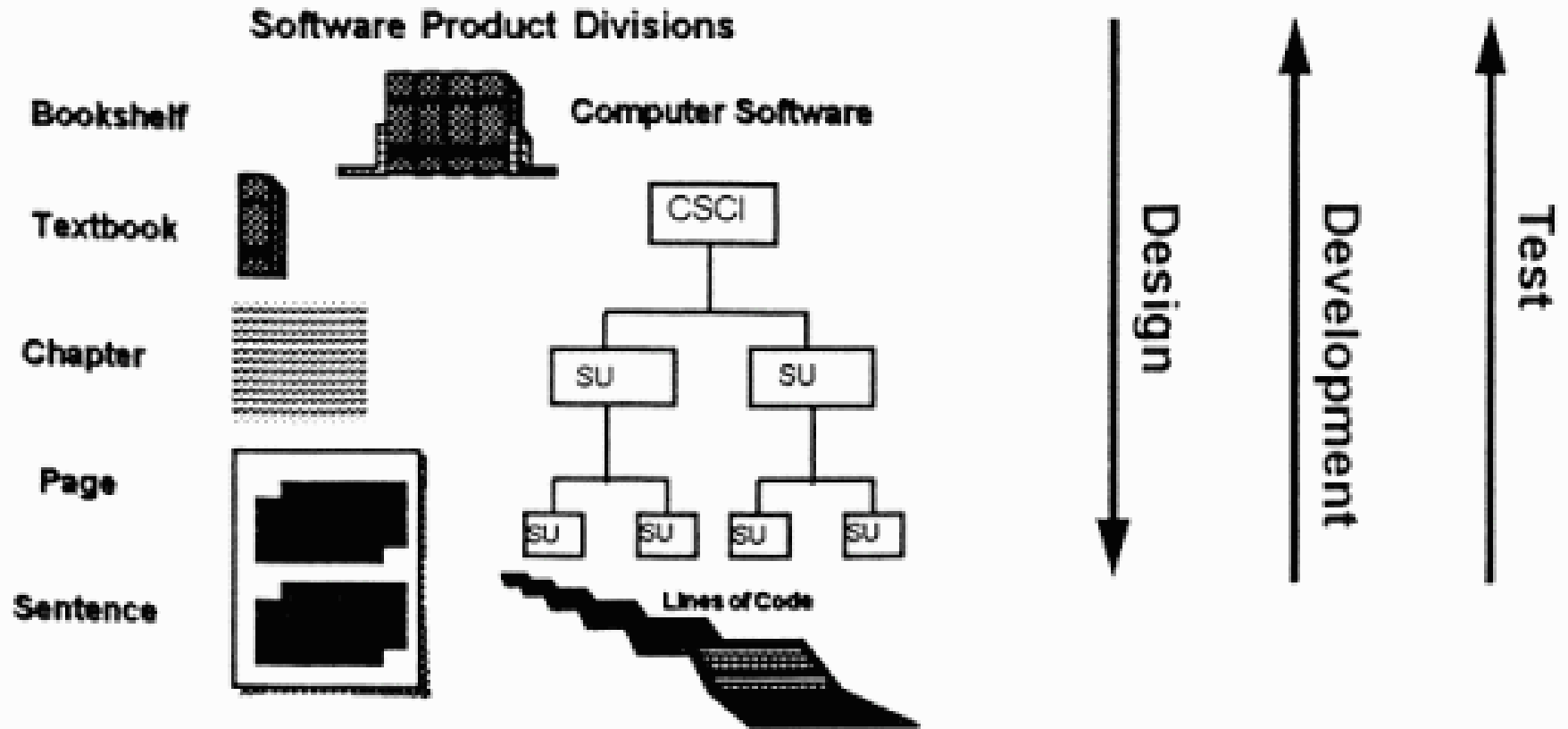


## **SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT PLANNING**

- IDENTIFY MAJOR RISK AREAS AND METHODS TO CONTROL THEM
- DEVELOP ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, AND POST DEPLOYMENT SOFTWARE SUPPORT STRATEGIES
- ESTABLISH METRICS AND MEASURES TO ASSESS PROGRAM PROGRESS

# Software Management

## Design / Design Management

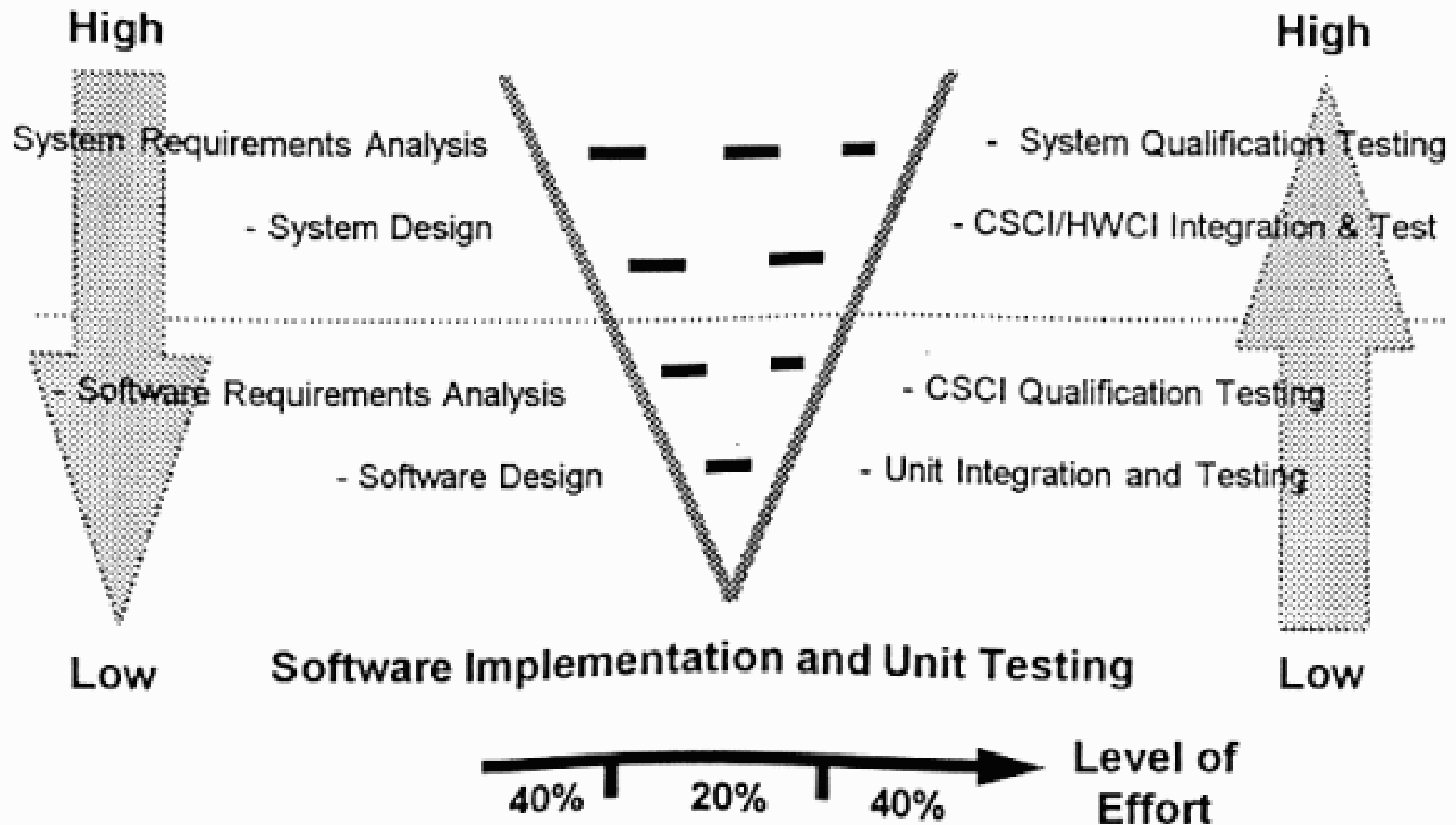


What initializes the design? \_\_\_\_\_

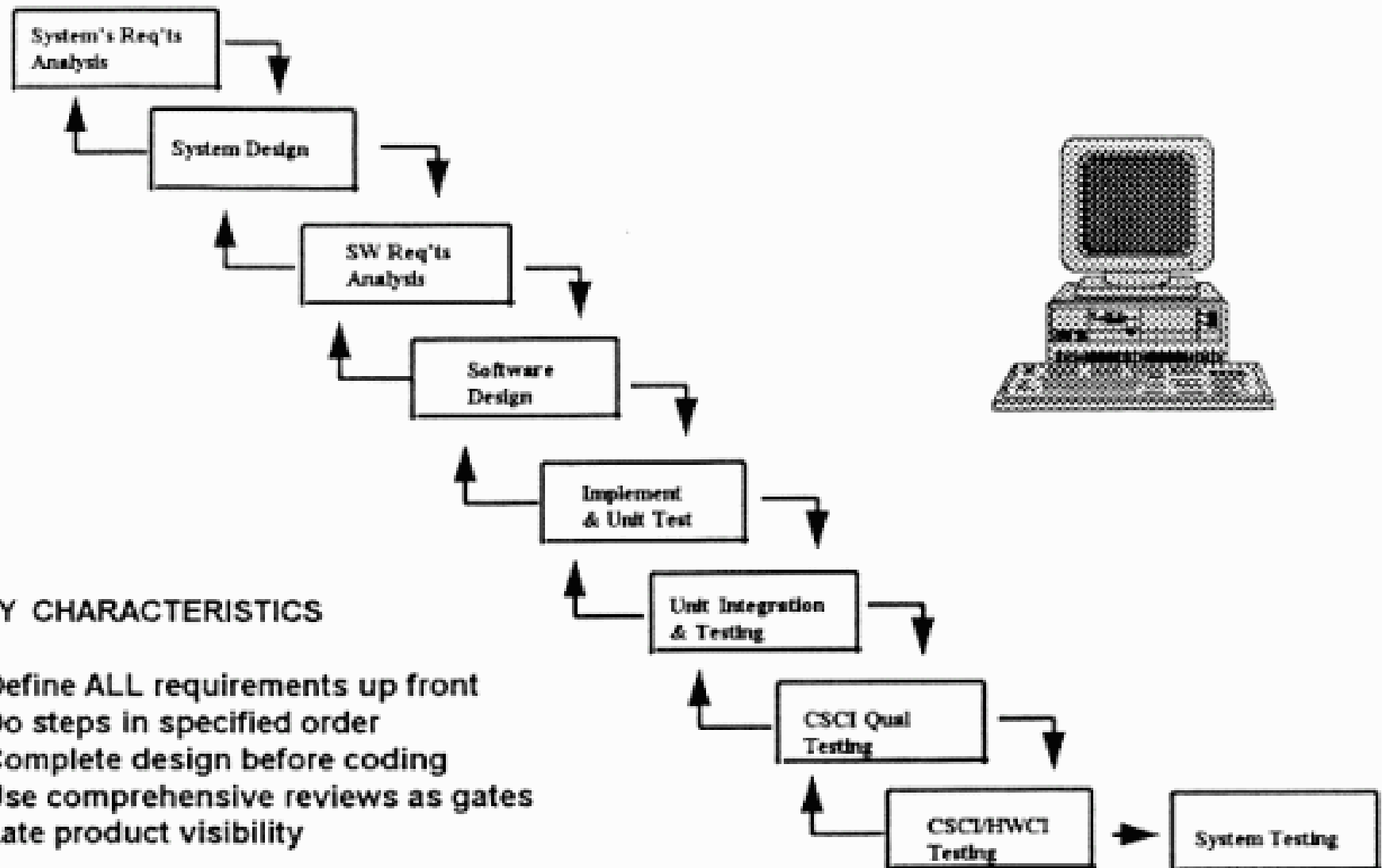
Level of  
Abstraction

# THE SOFTWARE "V"

Level of  
Integration



# “WATERFALL” Development Paradigm



## KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Define ALL requirements up front
- Do steps in specified order
- Complete design before coding
- Use comprehensive reviews as gates
- Late product visibility



# Program Pitfalls

- **Requirements Creep**
- **Changes in cost, schedule or performance**
  - any change will impact at least 2 of the above
    - engineers are never finished
- **Beware the call from the staffer**
  - “What if” we cut your budget
    - the answer is it will cost 30% more for each year delay

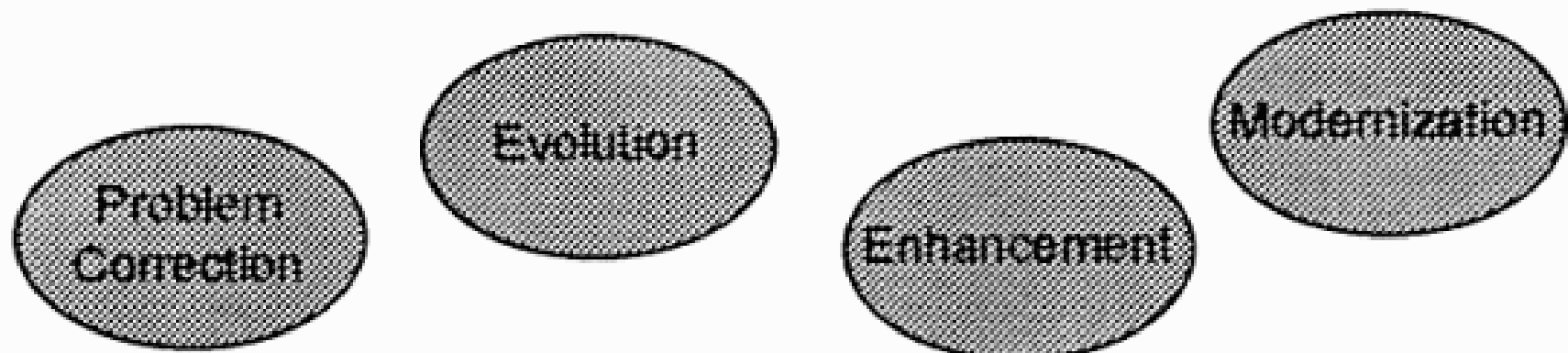
A REQUIREMENTS  
**CREEP!!**



## *Post Deployment Software Support - PDSS*

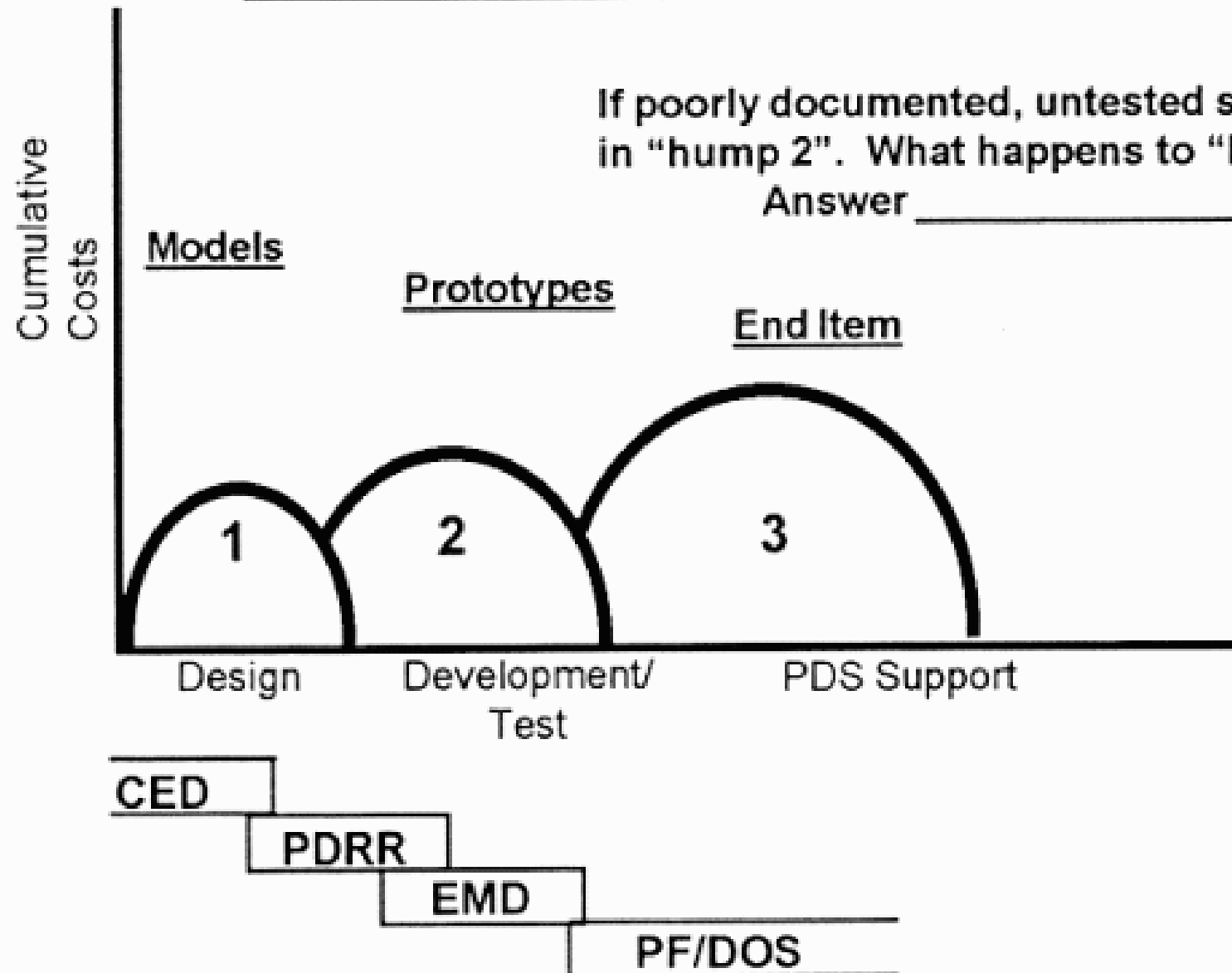
Activities to ensure that fielded software continues to fully support the operational mission of the system

- Correct problems
- Provide new functions





# Post Deployment Software Support - PDSS





# Test and Evaluation

- **Test:** a program, procedure or process to obtain, verify or provide data for determining the degree to which a system meets, exceeds or fails to meet stated requirements
- **Evaluation:** The review, analysis and assessment of data obtained from testing, used to project system performance

*...is the conscience of acquisition (William Perry, SECDEF)*



# Why Test



- **Purpose: Reduce Risk**
- **Product: Information to Decision Makers**
- **Types of test**
  - Development Test and Evaluation
  - Operational Test and Evaluation



# Development Test and Evaluation



- **Measure Technical performance**
  - Thresholds and Objectives
  - Contract Compliance
- **Assist in system development**
  - Integral to Systems Engineering Process
  - Risk Assessment
- **Update models and simulations**



# DT&E Examples



## Performance Testing

- Accuracy
- Maneuverability
- interoperability
- reliability
- maintainability
- software unit testing
- S/W integration
- Software functionality

## Environmental Testing

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Vibration
- Shock
- Humidity
- Salt sea spray
- rain, snow, ice
- Lightning



# Contractor Test Program



- Described in SOW, WBS, system specification
- Detailed approach found in technical specifications
- Technical performance verification: cooperative effort of T&E and systems engineering



# Contractor Role in Testing



- Deliver integrated test plan for approval
- Test sufficiently before delivery to government
- Provide technical support to government testing
- Correct problems
- Help minimize testing redundancy

*\*In commercial acquisitions, government may perform*





# Production Acceptance T&E



- **Verify each production unit meets contract requirements**
  - Usually performed at contractor's facility
  - DCMC may provide management oversight
  - May involve developer and user



# Operational Test and Evaluation



- **Purpose: to determine operational effectiveness and suitability**
  - in a realistic combat environment
  - With threat representative forces
  - While operated and maintained by typical users
  - Using production representative systems
- **Determine if the minimum operational performance requirements, as specified in the ORD, have been satisfied**



# OT&E Focus



- **Operational Effectiveness**

- Does it work to accomplish mission in the predicted environment, considering tactics, personnel, doctrine, threat, etc.

- **Operational Suitability**

- Can it be fielded and supported
  - ...ilities satisfied?
  - Training and supplies in place?



# Test Pitfalls/Issues

- **If test not objective, how do you know if contractor met his requirements vs. contract requirements incorrectly stated**
  - This issue one of reasons for performance based requirements
  - Make sure test plan complete before test
- **Test community wants you to fund their new golf course**



# T&E Summary



- **Essential Feedback loop to design process**
- **Developmental T&E (DT&E)**
  - assist in system development and measure technical performance
  - Government and contractor conduct
  - Government PM responsible
- **Operational T&E (OT&E)**
  - determines operational effectiveness and suitability
  - Government only conducts
  - independent operational test agency responsible



# Program Technical Reviews

Technical Reviews  
Used at Program Manager's Option

- Purposes include:
- Assess design progress/review Systems Engineering (SE) outputs
- Ensure SE outputs meet user needs.
- Reviewing trade studies.
- Determine contractor readiness to proceed.
- Assess design maturity



***Insist on technical reviews - it protects everyone involved.***





# Technical Reviews... guiding principles



## Technical Reviews

A few guiding principles.....



### Ensure:

- Objectives for the review are well-communicated.
- Attendance of necessary participants.
- An event driven, vs. schedule-driven, perspective.
- Necessary data will be available for review (design specifications, drawings, test data, software development folders, etc.)
- Action items are assigned, tracked, and closed in a timely manner.



# Technical Performance Measurement



## TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (TPM)

**Purpose:** Monitor performance risk by comparing actual vs. expected results.

- Focus is on key performance parameters.
  - Designated by program manager.
  - Documented by contractor.
- Traceable to WBS.
- This is our technical report card!

The better you “know” where risks reside, the better you can manage them.





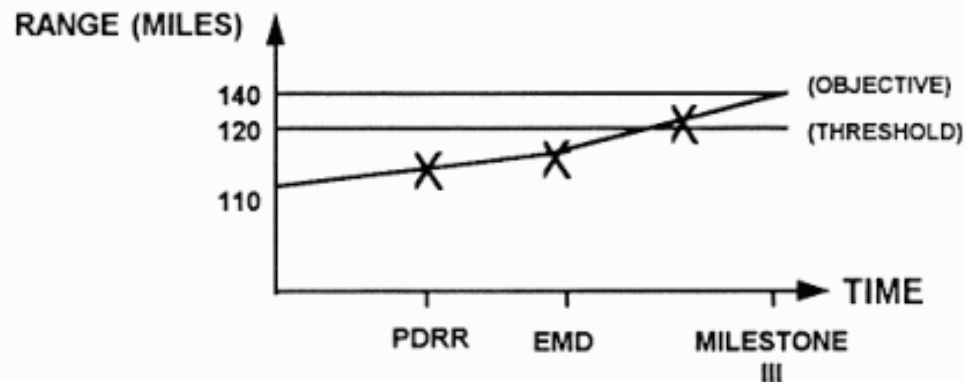


# TPM

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## TPM....AN EXAMPLE.

TYPICAL TPM PARAMETERS: WEIGHT, COMPUTER MEMORY SIZE, COOLING CAPACITY, REACTION TIME/RESPONSIVENESS, RANGE, PROCESSING TIME.....THINGS THAT CAN BE DIRECTLY MEASURED AND ARE SIGNIFICANT DETERMINANTS OF THE TOTAL SYSTEM/PRODUCT.





# Metrics



- **Metrics are those things you measure which cause you to take the appropriate action to achieve a desired goal**
  - Apply to hardware, software, cost and schedule
- **Metrics must:**
  - Communicate the health of the process/program
  - Have a time dimension
  - Have customer orientation



# Characteristics of Metrics



- **Good Metrics**

- are unambiguous and economical to collect
- simple, logical, repeatable, easy to understand
- timely and drive you to the appropriate action

- **Bad Metrics**

- “count the ants”
- require armies of people
- paralyze the decision makers

***Good metrics must be meaningful to the customer.***

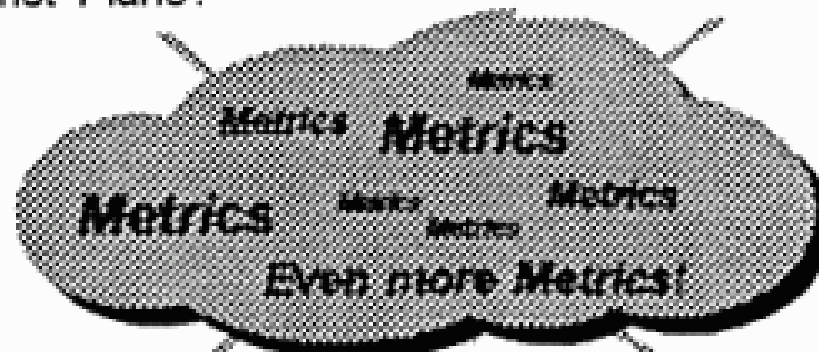
# Categories of Metrics

**Management  
Metrics**

What is the Progress  
Against Plans?

PM  
"Common-Sense"  
Metrics

How do you know?  
What does that mean?  
Can you show me?



What is Quality?

**Quality  
Metrics**

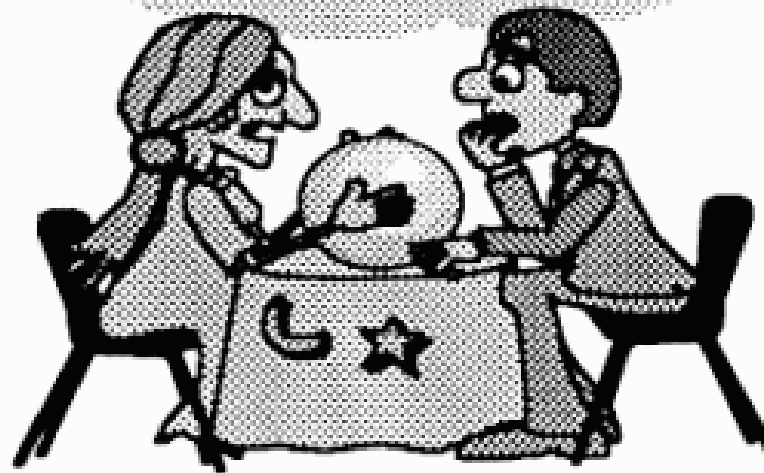
How do you know the contractor can  
deliver quality software?

**Process  
Metrics**

## Software Metrics

“If you ain’t measurin,  
you ain’t managin...  
you’re only along for  
the ride (downhill)!”

[CAMPBELL95]



“You can’t manage  
what you can’t measure.”

[DEMARCO86]

## METRICS:

- **MONITOR** requirements
- **PREDICT** development resources
- **TRACK** development progress
- **UNDERSTANDING** maintenance costs



# Course Summary



- **DoD Acquisition is very complex, very hard to learn, and full of pitfalls**
  - But it has produced the best weapons in the world
- **Acquisition Corps is saddled with changing and conflicting rules**
  - Downsizing and upcoming retirements don't help
- **AFRC will participate more and more over time**

Most know the fundamentals

***PESystems here to help!***



# Overview



- **Acquisition Environment and Process Overview**
- **Marketers, Business Development, and the Action Officer**
- **Requirements Generation Process**
- **Contracting**
- **Financial Management:**
  - Cost Estimation
  - PPBS/Resource allocation
  - Program/Budget Execution
- **Program Execution**
- **Production & Deployment**
- **System Upgrades/ Modifications**



# The Future



- **Based on your feedback, we will**
  - Provide periodic updates
  - Flesh out areas of interest
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